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Interviews: 1003 adults
Dates: October 23-25,

48 Male
52 Female
[109]

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Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

1. All in all, do you think things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

	<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>High</u> <u>2/91+</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>7/92+</u>	
Right direction.....	46	43	50	42	46	54	65	14	[138]
Wrong track.....	37	41	32	41	40	33	22	71	
Mixed (VOL).....	14	13	15	14	11	10	9	9	
Not sure.....	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	6	
		<u>1/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>7/98</u>			
		49	47	55	51	45			
		38	38	31	35	39			
		10	12	12	11	13			
		3	3	2	3	3			

+ Asked only of registered voters

- 2a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing as president?

	<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>High</u> <u>1/99</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>6/93</u>	
Approve.....	60	58	63	58	58	66	68	68	[139]
Disapprove.....	34	37	32	37	36	31	29	29	
Not sure.....	6	5	5	5	6	3	3	3	
		<u>1/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>7/98</u>			
		68	65	68	66	64			
		29	31	29	31	30			
		3	4	3	3	6			

+ Asked only of registered voters

2b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing in handling the economy?

	<u>10/99*</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<div> <div>High</div> <div>Low</div> </div>			
Approve.....	70	66	73	71	73	74	<u>1/99</u>	<u>7/93</u>	<u>9/94</u>	[140]
Disapprove.....	22	27	20	21	18	20	78	40	40	
Not sure.....	8	7	7	8	9	6	17	51	51	
							5	9	9	
		<u>1/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>7/98</u>				
		78	72	74	75	69				
		17	21	21	19	23				
		5	7	5	6	8				

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

+ Asked only of registered voters.

2c. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing in handling our foreign policy?

	<u>10/99**</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<div> <div>High</div> <div>Low</div> </div>		
Approve.....	52	49	54	50	50	60	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/94</u>	[141]
Disapprove.....	39	41	37	41	41	31	70	32	
Not sure.....	9	10	9	9	9	9	26	60	
							4	8	
		<u>1/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>7/98</u>			
		65	61	70	63	58			
		28	30	26	29	31			
		7	9	4	8	11			

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Asked only of registered voters.

3. I'm going to read you the names of several public figures, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
Bill Clinton							[142]
October 1999.....	20	30	14	13	23	-	
September 1999.....	20	26	14	13	27	-	
July 1999.....	23	27	14	14	22	-	
June 1999.....	19	25	12	15	28	1	
April 1999.....	23	23	14	13	26	1	
March 1999.....	23	25	14	11	27	-	
January 1999.....	27	24	12	11	25	1	
December 1998.....	25	26	13	10	26	-	
October 1998 +.....	25	26	10	12	26	1	
September 1998.....	18	22	17	14	29	-	
July 1998.....	24	26	17	15	18	-	
<i>High</i>							
January 1993.....	33	31	15	9	7	5	
<i>Low</i>							
September 1998.....	18	22	17	14	29	-	
Bill Bradley							[143/150]
October 1999.....	11	27	27	7	4	24	
September 1999.....	12	25	28	5	2	28	
July 1999.....	8	25	28	5	3	31	
April 1999	8	20	27	5	2	38	
March 1999.....	11	19	26	5	1	38	
September 1995.....	7	17	22	7	1	46	

+ Asked only of registered voters.

Q.3 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
Al Gore							[144/151]
October 1999.....	12	27	25	18	16	2	
September 1999.....	10	22	28	19	17	4	
July 1999.....	13	27	26	16	15	3	
June 1999.....	15	23	27	16	15	4	
April 1999.....	11	24	30	14	17	4	
March 1999.....	16	23	29	16	14	2	
January 1999.....	17	24	29	15	12	3	
December 1998.....	17	25	27	13	15	3	
September 1998.....	16	25	32	12	13	2	
July 1998.....	16	26	31	12	13	2	
June 1998.....	18	26	31	10	13	2	
<i>High</i>							
January 1993.....	23	32	22	9	6	8	
<i>Low</i>							
September 1999.....	10	22	28	19	17	4	
George W. Bush							[145/152]
October 1999.....	21	32	21	12	11	3	
September 1999.....	18	32	22	12	10	6	
July 1999.....	22	31	26	9	6	6	
June 1999.....	23	27	25	9	8	8	
April 1999.....	23	32	25	8	6	6	
March 1999.....	25	26	28	5	5	11	
December 1998.....	25	28	27	5	4	11	
September 1997.....	9	19	32	9	6	25	
Jesse Ventura							[146/153]
October 1999.....	8	18	23	20	19	12	
July 1999.....	12	24	29	11	6	18	
December 1998.....	11	16	27	5	4	37	
Pat Buchanan							[147/154]
October 1999.....	4	14	24	20	28	10	
August 1996.....	4	11	26	20	31	8	
March 1996.....	6	16	20	18	32	8	
January 1996.....	3	13	30	12	20	22	
December 1995.....	5	16	24	16	22	17	
February/March 1992.....	5	21	23	18	16	17	
January 1992.....	4	17	22	14	12	31	
December 1991.....	3	15	18	8	9	47	

+ Asked only of registered voters.

Q.3. (cont'd)

	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
John McCain							[148/155]
October 1999.....	9	20	22	5	2	42	
April 1999.....	8	14	18	3	3	54	
Hillary Rodham Clinton							[149]
October 1999 *.....	21	24	13	16	25	1	
September 1999.....	20	22	16	14	26	2	
July 1999.....	25	23	18	12	20	2	
June 1999	25	22	17	13	22	1	
April 1999.....	30	19	17	12	20	2	
March 1999.....	35	19	16	11	18	1	
January 1999.....	35	23	16	11	14	1	
December 1998.....	33	21	17	11	17	1	
October 1998+.....	32	24	15	12	16	1	
September 1998.....	29	21	20	12	18	-	
<i>High</i>							
January 1999.....	35	23	16	11	14	1	
<i>Low</i>							
May 1996 +.....	14	20	19	17	27	3	
Donald Trump							[156]
October 1999 **.....	3	11	25	23	32	6	
July 1990.....	3	11	28	25	24	9	
Ross Perot							[157]
October 1999 **.....	7	12	25	27	25	4	
November 1996.....	6	16	28	21	26	3	
October 1996 +.....	6	15	28	20	28	3	
September 1996 +.....	6	16	23	21	31	3	
August 20-21, 1996 +.....	7	14	24	19	32	4	
August 2-6, 1996 +.....	6	18	26	21	27	2	
June 1996 +.....	6	17	25	22	27	3	
May 1996 +.....	6	17	21	26	27	3	
March 1996.....	9	18	24	22	23	4	
January 1996.....	7	19	27	21	22	4	
December 1995.....	7	19	24	21	25	4	
Warren Beatty							[158]
October 1999 **.....	5	12	34	15	19	15	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Asked only of registered voters.

4a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?

	<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>High</u> <u>9/98</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>10/90+</u>	
Approve.....	42	40	43	40	49	41	61	22	[159]
Disapprove.....	45	49	41	42	38	45	28	69	
Not sure.....	13	11	16	18	13	14	11	9	
		<u>1/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>7/98</u>			
		50	44	48	61	53			
		40	42	39	28	31			
		10	14	13	11	16			

+ Asked only of registered voters.

4b. What is your preference for the outcome of the November 2000 congressional elections -- a Congress controlled by Republicans or a Congress controlled by Democrats? ¹

	<u>10/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>7/98</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>4/98</u>	
Republican-controlled Congress. .	39	39	42	41	37	41	40	41	39	37	[160]
Democrat-controlled Congress.....	41	43	41	40	43	43	39	40	40	41	
Not sure ²	20	18	17	19	20	16	21	19	21	22	
		<u>2/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>7/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>12/95</u>	<u>10/94</u>	
		41	40	41	41	45	44	41	42	44	
		37	42	37	39	39	38	38	41	38	
		22	18	22	20	16	18	21	17	18	

¹ In October 1994, the question referred to the 1994 congressional elections; the 1995 and 1996 survey dates referred to the 1996 congressional elections; the 1997 and 1998 dates refer to the 1998 congressional elections.

² The volunteered responses "both equal," "neither in control," or "doesn't matter," were reported separately; for purposes of comparative they are combined with "not sure."

+ Asked only of registered voters.

4c. How would you rate the overall performance and accomplishments of this year's Congress--one of the best, above average, average, below average, or one of the worst?

	<u>10/99*</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>12/95</u>	<u>10/94</u>	<u>10/91</u>	<u>10/90</u>	
One of the best.....	2	1	2	7	1	1	1	[161]
Above average.....	11	12	11	18	6	5	7	
Average.....	54	53	56	33	46	45	39	
Below average.....	21	25	22	24	28	32	32	
One of the worst.....	10	7	6	16	16	14	19	
Not sure.....	2	2	3	2	3	3	2	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

+ Asked only of registered voters.

- 5a. Now I'd like to read you a list of issues that Congress has worked on this year, but on which it has not yet passed legislation. Please tell me which ONE would be the biggest disappointment to you personally if Congress failed to pass legislation on that issue. *

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Passing a patient's bill of rights.....	21	[162]
Restricting the sale and distribution of guns.....	20	
Cutting taxes.....	19	
Putting more restrictions on abortion.....	12	
Ratifying a comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty....	10	
Reforming the campaign finance system.....	9	
All (VOL).....	4	
None/other (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	2	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 5b. As you may know, people who work but have a low income receive a tax credit on their federal income tax bill that is currently paid in the form of an annual check after they file their tax returns, similar to how tax refunds are paid.

The Republicans have proposed paying the tax credits in monthly installments instead of in one lump sum, because they say that low-income people need more help making ends meet from month to month and that a single payment is more difficult for people to budget.

The Democrats say that monthly installments are unfair to low-income people, because they will not get their payment at the same time that other people get their tax refunds and that the Republicans just want to delay payments to low-income people to help balance the federal budget by stretching their payments over the course of the year.

With whom do you agree more--the Republicans or the Democrats? **

The Republicans.....	44	[163]
The Democrats.....	45	
Some of both/depends (VOL).....	6	
Not sure.....	5	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 6a. Some people feel so strongly about an issue that they will vote for or against a candidate on that basis regardless of the candidate's stand on most other issues. I'm going to read you a list of issues and ask whether you consider any ONE issue so important that you would vote for or against a candidate solely on that basis. If you do not feel that strongly about any of the issues, please just say so.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Abortion.....	23	CONTINUE	[164]
Gun control.....	19	Skip to Q.6c	
School prayer.....	12	Skip to Q.6e	
Campaign finance reform.....	5	Skip to Q.6d	
None.....	37		
Other (VOL).....	2	Skip to Q.7a	
Not sure.....	2		

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY "ABORTION" IN Q.6a)

6b. Are you more inclined to support a candidate who is pro-choice or pro-life on the issue of abortion?

More inclined to support a candidate who is pro-choice...	10		[165]
More inclined to support a candidate who is pro-life.....	13	Skip to Q.7a	
Not sure.....	-		
Choose Other Issues/None/Other/Not Sure (Q.6a).....	77		

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY "GUN CONTROL" IN Q.6a)

6c. Are you more inclined to support a candidate who favors gun control or one who opposes gun control?

More inclined to support a candidate who favors gun control.....	10		[166]
More inclined to support a candidate who opposes gun control....	9	Skip to Q.7a	
Not sure.....	-		
Choose Other Issues/None/Other/Not Sure (Q.6a).....	81		

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY "CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM" IN Q.6a)

6d. Are you more inclined to support a candidate who favors campaign finance reform or one who opposes campaign finance reform?

More inclined to support a candidate who favors campaign finance reform.....	4		[167]
More inclined to support a candidate who opposes campaign finance reform.....	1	Skip to Q.7a	
Not sure.....	-		
Choose Other Issues/None/Other/Not Sure (Q.6a).....	95		

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY "SCHOOL PRAYER" IN Q.6a)

6e. Are you more inclined to support a candidate who favors school prayer or one who opposes school prayer?

More inclined to support a candidate who favors school prayer....	10		[168]
More inclined to support a candidate who opposes school prayer	2	Skip to Q.7a	
Not sure.....	-		
Choose Other Issues/None/Other/Not Sure (Q.6a).....	88		

7a. Now I'd like to read you some problems that some people have mentioned about the way political campaigns are financed in this country. Please tell me which ONE concerns you the most. *

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Special interests' giving contributions to gain influence over candidates.....	37	[169]
Unlimited contributions from individuals, corporations, and unions to political parties.....	17	
Excessive amounts of spending in political campaigns.....	17	
Wealthy candidates' being able to spend unlimited amounts of their own money on elections.....	14	
All (VOL).....	12	
None/other (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	1	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 7b. I'm going to read you some proposed changes to reform the way political campaigns are financed in this country. Please tell me which ONE you think is the most important. **

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Limiting the amount of money candidates can spend in an election.....	32	[170]
Providing taxpayer public funding of congressional campaigns and eliminating all contributions by individuals, corporations, unions, or special interest groups.....	17	
Eliminating all contribution limits while requiring full public disclosure of campaign contributions.....	16	
Limiting the amount of personal money that candidates can spend on their campaign.....	13	
Banning unlimited contributions to political parties.....	7	
Banning Political Action Committees, or PACs.....	4	
All (VOL).....	3	
None/other (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	6	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 7c. Suppose that Congress passed campaign finance reform legislation. Some people say that campaign finance reform would have a positive effect on the political system, because it would reduce the influence that the wealthy and special interests have on elections. Other people say that campaign finance reform would have no effect on the political system, because the wealthy and special interests will always find loopholes in the law and continue to have just as much influence on elections. Which point of view do you agree with more? If you do not know or are not sure, please just say so.

	10/99**	7/97	
Campaign finance reform would have a positive effect.....	43	31	[171]
Campaign finance reform would have no effect.....	44	58	
Don't know/not sure.....	13	11	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 8a. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (IF NOT SURE, CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN.") (IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent? (IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "STRICTLY INDEPENDENT.")

Strong Democrat.....	19	[172]
Not very strong Democrat.....	10	Skip to Q.8c
Independent/lean Democrat.....	11	
Strictly independent.....	20	Skip to Q.9a
Independent/lean Republican.....	8	
Not very strong Republican.....	11	CONTINUE
Strong Republican.....	14	
Other.....	5	Skip to Q.9a
Not sure/nothing.....	2	

(ASK ONLY OF REPUBLICANS IN Q.8a.)

8b. Let me read you a list of people who might seek the Republican nomination for president in the year 2000. If you were voting today in the next Republican primary for president, which one of the following candidates would you vote for? (IF "NOT SURE," ASK:) Well, which way do you lean?

	<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	
Gary Bauer.....	1	1	1	1	1	2	NA	NA	
George W. Bush.....	68	59	59	61	48	53	36	52	[173]
Steve Forbes.....	6	5	4	6	6	6	4	6	
Orrin Hatch.....	2	2	2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
John McCain.....	15	7	3	4	6	2	5	NA	
Elizabeth Dole.....	NA	11	11	11	19	18	26	11	
Pat Buchanan.....	NA	5	5	4	5	4	4	4	
Dan Quayle.....	NA	4	5	5	4	7	8	7	
Jack Kemp.....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	8	7	
Newt Gingrich.....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
None/other (VOL).....	2	2	3	3	5	4	2	6	
Not sure.....	6	4	7	5	6	4	7	7	
		<u>9/98</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>4/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>7/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>	
Gary Bauer.....		41	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
George W. Bush.....		NA	34	40	26	24	20	24	
Steve Forbes.....		7	7	11	10	11	7	8	
Orrin Hatch.....		8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
John McCain.....		NA	NA	5	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Elizabeth Dole.....		4	18	NA	14	14	15	16	
Pat Buchanan.....		10	NA	4	6	4	4	6	
Dan Quayle.....		NA	9	14	6	7	10	9	
Jack Kemp.....		11	10	NA	16	14	14	17	
Newt Gingrich.....		5	5	5	5	4	5	NA	
None/other (VOL).....		9	8	11	4	13	18	11	
Not sure.....		5	9	10	13	9	7	9	

NOTE: An "NA" indicates that the person was not included in the list of potential candidates for that particular survey. Potential candidates who do not appear on the current list but were included previously and received less than 5% of the vote are included in the percentage for "none/other."

(ASK ONLY OF DEMOCRATS IN Q.8a)

8c. The candidates in the Democratic primary are Bill Bradley and Al Gore. For whom would you vote if the election were held today--Bill Bradley or Al Gore? **(IF "NOT SURE," ASK:)** Well, which way do you lean?

	<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	
Bill Bradley.....	29	32	24	17	23	20	[174]
Al Gore.....	53	53	60	65	62	65	
Jesse Jackson.....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Richard Gephardt.....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
John Kerry.....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Bob Kerrey.....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
None/other (VOL).....	7	5	5	4	5	5	
Not sure.....	11	10	11	14	10	10	

	<u>1/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>7/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>
Bill Bradley.....	13	12	12	14	13	11	9
Al Gore.....	45	49	51	45	47	52	56
Jesse Jackson.....	11	11	NA	NA	9	9	8
Richard Gephardt.....	9	7	12	8	7	8	6
John Kerry.....	4	2	3	NA	NA	NA	NA
Bob Kerrey.....	NA	3	4	4	5	4	4
None/other (VOL).....	6	7	4	NA	5	7	11
Not sure.....	12	9	14	29	14	9	6

NOTE: An "NA" indicates that the person was not included in the list of potential candidates for that particular survey. Potential candidates who do not appear on the current list but were included previously and received less than 5% of the vote are included in the percentage for "none/other."

(ASK ONLY OF GORE VOTERS IN Q.8c)

8d. What are the chances that you might support Bill Bradley in the Democratic primary--do you think that there is a good chance that you might support him, some chance, little chance, or no chance at all that you might support him?

Good chance.....	11	[175]
Some chance.....	35	
Little chance.....	21	
No chance at all.....	24	
Not sure/.....	9	

Skip to Q.8f

(ASK ONLY OF BRADLEY VOTERS IN Q.8c)

8e. What are the chances that you might support Al Gore in the Democratic primary--do you think there is a good chance that you might support him, some chance, little chance, or no chance at all that you might support him?

Good chance.....	12	[176]
Some chance.....	41	
Little chance.....	19	
No chance at all.....	24	
Not sure/.....	4	

(ASK ONLY OF DEMOCRATS IN Q.8a)

8f. Regardless of how you plan to vote in the Democratic primary, which candidate do you think would have a better chance of beating the Republican candidate-- Bill Bradley or Al Gore?

Bill Bradley has better chance.....	31	[177]
Al Gore has better chance.....	53	
Neither/other (VOL).....	5	
Not sure/.....	11	

Now I'm going to ask you about the next presidential election.

9a. If the next election for president were held today, and Al Gore were running as the Democratic candidate and George W. Bush were the Republican candidate, for whom would you vote?

	<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	
Al Gore.....	39	35	37	36	35	34	[178]
George W. Bush.....	49	52	50	51	53	52	
Neither/other (VOL).....	5	6	5	4	5	4	
Not sure.....	7	7	8	9	7	10	
		<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>4/98</u>	<u>9/97</u>	
		40	40	39	41	45	
		50	48	49	44	39	
		5	5	5	5	8	
		5	7	7	10	8	

+ Asked only of registered voters.

9b. If the next election for president were held today, and Bill Bradley were running as the Democratic candidate and George W. Bush were the Republican candidate, for whom would you vote?

	<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	
Bill Bradley.....	39	37	31	[179]
George W. Bush.....	48	46	49	
Neither/other (VOL).....	4	5	5	
Not sure.....	9	12	15	

9c. If the next election for president were held today, and Al Gore were running as the Democratic candidate and John McCain were the Republican candidate, for whom would you vote?

	<u>10/99*</u>	<u>7/99</u>	
Al Gore.....	43	45	[180]
John McCain.....	36	28	
Neither/other (VOL).....	7	9	
Not sure.....	14	18	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

9d. If the next election for president were held today, and Bill Bradley were running as the Democratic candidate and John McCain were the Republican candidate, for whom would you vote? **

Bill Bradley.....	44	[208]
John McCain.....	25	
Neither/other (VOL).....	9	
Not sure.....	22	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

9e. If the next election for president were held today, and Al Gore were running as the Democratic candidate, George W. Bush were the Republican candidate, and Pat Buchanan were the Reform Party candidate, for whom would you vote?

	<u>10/99*</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>7/99¹</u>	
Al Gore.....	38	34	32	[209]
George W. Bush.....	44	47	44	
Pat Buchanan.....	6	8	NA	
Jesse Ventura.....	NA	NA	12	
None/other (VOL).....	5	5	4	
Not sure.....	7	6	8	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

¹In July 1999, Jesse Ventura was listed as the Reform Party candidate

- 9f. If the next election for president were held today, and Bill Bradley were running as the Democratic candidate, George W. Bush were the Republican candidate, and Pat Buchanan were the Reform Party candidate, for whom would you vote? **

Bill Bradley.....	38	[210]
George W. Bush.....	43	
Pat Buchanan.....	8	
None/other (VOL).....	4	
Not sure.....	7	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 10a. Which one of the following two qualities is more important to you in determining your choice of a presidential candidate--the candidate's positions on the issues, or the candidate's personal character and values?

Positions on the issues.....	55	[211]
Personal character and values.....	28	
Some of both (VOL).....	16	
Neither /other (VOL).....	-	
Not sure.....	1	

- 10b. Which do you prefer in a presidential candidate--someone who will take an approach similar to that of Bill Clinton or someone who will take an approach different from that of Bill Clinton?

	<u>10/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	
Candidate with approach similar to Clinton's.....	36	44	[212]
Candidate with approach different from Clinton's....	50	45	
Some of both/depends on issue (VOL).....	10	8	
Not sure.....	4	3	

- 11a. Suppose the Republican presidential nominee were George W. Bush and the Democratic presidential nominee were either Al Gore or Bill Bradley. If that were the case, how likely would you be to support a presidential candidate from the Reform Party, the party founded by Ross Perot when he ran for president in 1992? Would you say you would be extremely likely, very likely, somewhat likely, only a little bit likely, or not at all likely to support a Reform Party candidate in the election for president?

Extremely likely.....	4	[213]
Very likely.....	5	
Somewhat likely.....	17	
Only a little bit likely.....	12	
Not at all likely.....	56	
Depends (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	3	

- 11b. Let me read you a list of people who might seek the Reform Party nomination for president in the year 2000. Please tell me which one of the following candidates you would support for the Reform Party nomination? (IF "NOT SURE," ASK:) Well, which way do you lean?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Pat Buchanan.....	18	[214]
Jesse Ventura.....	18	
Ross Perot.....	15	
Donald Trump.....	8	
None/other (VOL).....	36	
Not sure.....	5	

- 12a. How much would you say you know about Bill Bradley and what he stands for--a lot, a fair amount, just some, or very little?

Know a lot.....	5	[215]
Know a fair amount.....	22	
Know just some.....	26	
Know very little.....	46	
Not sure.....	1	

- 12b. How much would you say you know about George W. Bush and what he stands for--a lot, a fair amount, just some, or very little?

	<u>10/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	
Know a lot.....	17	7	6	[216]
Know a fair amount.....	37	32	24	
Know just some.....	26	29	26	
Know very little.....	19	32	43	
Not sure.....	1	-	1	

13. As you may know, earlier this month George W. Bush criticized congressional Republicans for supporting tax policies that he felt were unfair to the poor. Does the fact that George W. Bush criticized his party make you feel more favorable or less favorable toward him, or does it make little difference either way?

More favorable.....	39	[217]
Less favorable.....	6	
Makes little difference.....	53	
Not sure.....	2	

14. In terms of his approach to the issues, do you tend to think of (READ ITEM) as being liberal, moderate, or conservative in his approach to the issues?

Not

	<u>Liberal</u>	<u>Moderate</u>	<u>Conservative</u>	<u>Sure</u>	
George W. Bush.....	11	40	35	14	[218]
Al Gore.....	39	31	16	14	[219]
Steve Forbes.....	8	16	27	49	[220]
Bill Bradley.....	23	32	10	35	[221]
Pat Buchanan.....	11	14	46	29	[222]
John McCain.....	6	24	21	49	[223]

- 15a. Let me read you the names of some well-known people who have been mentioned as possible presidential candidates. For each one, please tell me whether you think that person is a serious presidential candidate or whether that person is simply seeking media attention. **

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY SERIOUS PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

	<u>Serious Presidential Candidate</u>	<u>Simply Seeking Media Attention</u>	<u>Some Of Both (VOL)</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Pat Buchanan.....	63	26	2	9	[224]
Ross Perot.....	45	47	2	6	[228]
Jesse Ventura.....	23	63	4	10	[226]
Donald Trump.....	13	79	3	5	[225]
Warren Beatty	12	77	2	9	[227]
Cybill Shepherd.....	2	87	1	10	[229]

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 15b. I'm going to read you two statements about Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura, and I'd like you to tell me which one comes closer to your point of view.

Statement A: Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura is not a serious politician and should not be considered for any national office outside his own state.

Statement B: Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura is different from the typical career politicians and should be considered for national office. *

Statement A/Not a serious politician.....	45	[230]
Statement B/Different from typical politicians.....	45	
Some of both (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	7	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 15c. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statement: "I would never vote for Pat Buchanan, regardless of his political party.**

Agree.....	49	[231]
Disagree.....	44	
Not sure.....	7	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Now I'd like to ask you a few questions about the economy. . .

- 16a. How satisfied are you with the state of the U.S. economy today--are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with the state of the economy?

..... High Low

	<u>10/99*</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>1/96</u>	
Very satisfied.....	23	26	27	31	18	31	3	[232]
Somewhat satisfied.....	53	54	55	55	52	55	37	
Somewhat dissatisfied.....	17	13	12	10	20	10	38	
Very dissatisfied.....	7	6	5	3	8	3	19	
Not sure.....	-	1	1	1	2	1	3	
		<u>9/97</u>	<u>6/97</u>	<u>3/97</u>	<u>12/96</u>			
		13	10	13	9			
		52	51	45	51			
		23	27	27	27			
		10	10	13	11			
		2	2	2	2			

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

+ Asked only of registered voters

16b. How satisfied are you with your own financial situation today--are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with your financial situation?

	<u>10/99**</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>12/9</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>High</u> <u>9/98</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>12/94</u>	
					<u>7</u>				
Very satisfied.....	21	22	25	26	20	19	26	13	[233]
Somewhat satisfied.....	53	50	51	52	51	49	52	48	
Somewhat dissatisfied.....	14	18	13	14	16	17	14	24	
Very dissatisfied.....	11	10	10	7	12	14	7	14	
Not sure.....	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	
		<u>6/97</u>	<u>3/97</u>	<u>12/96</u>	<u>9/96</u>				
		16	17	16	14				
		50	48	50	51				
		20	20	21	21				
		13	14	12	13				
		1	1	1	1				

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

17a. Do you think that there will or will not be an economic recession during the next twelve months?

	<u>10/99*</u>	<u>7/97</u>	<u>6/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>1/97</u>	<u>3/96</u>	<u>12/90</u>	<u>10/90</u>	<u>9/15- 18/90</u>	
Will be an economic recession.....	30	22	15	19	23	32	73	66	51	[234]
Will not be an economic recession.....	56	68	77	70	67	53	19	24	35	
Not sure.....	14	10	8	11	10	15	8	10	14	
		<u>9/4- 5/90</u>	<u>8/90</u>	<u>7/90</u>	<u>5/90</u>	<u>4/90</u>	<u>3/90</u>	<u>1/90</u>		
		58	57	25	30	23	30	31		
		30	26	49	57	64	56	56		
		12	17	26	13	13	14	13		

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

17b. In general, do you think that free trade agreements between the U.S. and foreign countries have helped the U.S., have hurt the U.S., or haven't they made much of a difference either way? **

Have helped the U.S.....	35	[235]
Have hurt the U.S.....	32	
Haven't made much of a difference....	24	
Not sure.....	9	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

17c. Which ONE of the following do you think is the most responsible for the continued strong economy? *

President Clinton.....	25	[236]
Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan.....	36	
The Republican Congress.....	18	
All (VOL).....	7	
None/other (VOL).....	5	
Not sure.....	9	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

17d. As you may know, Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan's term of office ends next year. Do you think that President Clinton should or should not reappoint Alan Greenspan as Federal Reserve Board Chairman? **

Yes, should reappoint Greenspan.....	61	[237]
No, should not reappoint Greenspan.....	16	
Not sure.....	23	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 18a. Thinking ahead to a year from now, do you think that the value of the stock market will be much higher, somewhat higher, about the same, somewhat lower, or much lower than it is today?

	<u>10/99*</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>	<u>7/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	
Much higher.....	6	7	5	6	7	[238]
Somewhat higher.....	24	26	27	30	31	
About the same.....	39	35	35	32	35	
Somewhat lower.....	22	17	16	19	15	
Much lower.....	4	7	6	7	4	
Not sure.....	5	8	11	6	8	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 18b. Do you think that the recent mergers of major telecommunications companies are good for the country because they will produce more efficient companies, or bad for the country because they will reduce competition too much? **

Good for the country.....	23	[239]
Bad for the country.....	65	
Not sure.....	12	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Moving on to another topic. . .

- 19a. As you may know, the U.S. Senate rejected an international treaty called the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, which would prohibit the testing of nuclear weapons. The Senate's action means that the U.S. will not be part of the treaty. Do you approve or disapprove of the Senate's rejection of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, or don't you have an opinion either way?

Approve.....	28	[240]
Disapprove.....	46	
Don't have an opinion either way.....	22	
Not sure.....	4	

- 19b. Let me read you two statements that supporters and opponents of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty make, and then get your reaction.

Supporters say that the test ban would reduce the spread of nuclear weapons to new countries by stopping the testing needed to perfect them, yet still allow the U.S. to keep its nuclear arms up to date through computer-simulated testing.

Opponents say that the test ban would not reduce the spread of nuclear weapons to new countries because there would be no way to know for sure whether other countries were testing nuclear arms, and the prohibition on testing ultimately would reduce the quality of U.S. nuclear weapons.

With whom do you agree more--supporters or opponents of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty?

Agree more with supporters.....	44	[241]
Agree more with opponents.....	43	
Not sure.....	13	

19c. If your senator voted to reject the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, would that make you more likely or less likely to vote for your senator in the next election, or would it not be a factor in your decision?

More likely to vote for senator.....	14	[242]
Less likely to vote for senator.....	23	
Not a factor in decision.....	59	
Not sure.....	4	

Turning to another issue. . .

20a. I'd like to read you some trends in health care that people worry about, and for each one that I read, please tell me whether that is something that is a very serious problem, fairly serious problem, somewhat serious problem, or not a very serious problem. *

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VERY OR FAIRLY SERIOUS PROBLEM

	<u>Very Serious Problem</u>	<u>Fairly Serious Problem</u>	<u>Somewhat Serious Problem</u>	<u>Not Very Serious Problem</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
The fact that many Americans lack health insurance coverage.....	77	8	10	4	1	[245]
Health maintenance organizations', or HMOs', tendency to deny some medical procedures to patients.....	70	12	14	3	1	[243]
The possibility that the Medicare system may run short of funds in coming years.....	69	10	14	6	1	[244]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

20b. Please tell me which ONE of the following health care issues YOU personally worry about the most. *

That an HMO or insurance company will refuse to pay for treatments.....	34	[246]
That the Medicare system may run short of funds.....	20	
That you may not be able to afford health insurance.....	29	
All (VOL).....	12	
None/other (VOL).....	4	
Not sure.....	1	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

21a. Which ONE of the following do you think should have the most responsibility for helping ensure that Americans receive health insurance coverage? *

The federal government.....	43	[247]
Employers and businesses.....	28	
Individuals themselves.....	17	
All (VOL).....	9	
None/other (VOL).....	1	
Not sure.....	2	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

21b. Do you think that the federal government should or should not guarantee health insurance coverage for every American? *

Yes, should guarantee health insurance coverage.....	67	[248]
No, should NOT guarantee health insurance coverage.....	28	
Not sure.....	5	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

22a. As you may know, there has been a series of widely publicized shootings in the past year. Thinking about these events, would you say that you are more likely or less likely to purchase a gun? If the events of the past year have not had any effect either way on your likelihood of purchasing a gun, please just say so.

More likely to purchase a gun.....	11	[249]
Less likely to purchase a gun.....	37	
Events have had no effect either way.....	50	
Not sure.....	2	

22b. And still thinking about these events, would you say that you are more likely or less likely to view gun ownership as dangerous? If the events of the past year have not had any effect either way on your view of gun ownership, please just say so.

More likely to view gun ownership as dangerous.....	43	[250]
Less likely to view gun ownership as dangerous.....	18	
Events have had no effect either way.....	36	
Not sure.....	3	

22c. I'm going to read you two statements about gun ownership, and I'd like you to tell me which one comes closer to your point of view.

Statement A: Gun ownership does more to increase safety by allowing law-abiding citizens to protect themselves.

Statement B: Gun ownership does more to reduce safety by giving too many people access to firearms and increasing the chances for accidental misuse.

Statement A/does more to increase safety.....	41	[251]
Statement B/does more to reduce safety.....	52	
Not sure.....	7	

23. Earlier this month, the world population reached six billion. Do you think that nations should share resources and information through groups such as the United Nations to promote birth control, or should nations determine their own population and family planning programs? *

Nations should share resources/information.....	54	[252]
Nations should determine own population/family planning programs.....	40	
Depends (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	3	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 24a. On another issue, have you already made special plans to celebrate New Year's Eve 1999, have you not yet made special plans but intend to, or are you not planning to do anything special or out of the ordinary? **

Yes, have already made special plans.....	19	[253]
No, have not made special plans but intend to.....	28	
Not planning to do anything special or out of the ordinary...	50	
Not sure.....	3	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 24b. The federal government recently issued a series of reports stating that Americans should not expect widespread disruptions as a result of the Y2K computer problem. Do you think that the Y2K computer problem will or will not cause widespread disruptions? **

Yes, Y2K will cause widespread disruptions.....	16	[254]
No, Y2K will not cause widespread disruptions.....	76	
No sure.....	8	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 25a. As you may know, the grand jury investigation into the murder of six-year-old Jon-Benet Ramsey recently ended without any charges being filed. Do you think that the Jon-Benet Ramsey murder case will ever be solved? *

Yes, case will be solved.....	20	[255]
No, case will not be solved.....	70	
Not sure.....	10	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 25b. Do you think that the late actress Marilyn Monroe represents the ideal of a woman's sex appeal, or not? **

Yes, Marilyn Monroe represents ideal.....	25	[256]
No, Marilyn Monroe does not represent ideal.....	67	
Not sure.....	8	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

26. As you may know, the Atlanta Braves and the New York Yankees will be playing in the World Series. Are you satisfied with the teams in the Series, would you have preferred a Series between the New York Mets and the Boston Red Sox, a Series between the New York Mets and the New York Yankees, or don't you care either way? *

Satisfied with teams.....	29	[257]
Would have preferred Mets and Red Sox.....	9	
Would have preferred Mets and Yankees.....	14	
Don't care either way.....	43	
Would have preferred other pairing of teams (VOL)	3	
.....		
Not sure.....	2	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

F1. How old are you? **(IF REFUSED, ASK:)** Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

18-24.....	9	[258-259]
25-29.....	8	
30-34.....	12	
35-39.....	11	
40-44.....	12	
45-49.....	9	
50-54.....	9	
55-59.....	6	
60-64.....	7	
65-69.....	6	
70-74.....	4	
75 and over.....	6	
Refused.....	1	

F2. What is the last grade you completed in school?

Grade school.....	1	[260-261]
Some high school.....	6	
High school graduate.....	27	
Some college, no degree.....	20	
Vocational training/2-year college.....	10	
4-year college/bachelor's degree.....	20	
Some postgraduate work, no degree.....	3	
2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree...	9	
Doctoral/law degree.....	3	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

F3. Are you currently employed?

(IF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:) What type of work do you do?

(IF NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:) Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

<u>Currently Employed</u>		
Professional/ manager.....	25	[262-263]
White collar worker.....	21	
Blue collar worker.....	20	
Farmer, rancher.....	-	
<u>Not Currently Employed</u>		
Student.....	3	
Homemaker.....	7	
Retired.....	20	
Unemployed, looking for work.....	2	
Other.....	-	
Not sure.....	2	

F4. In politics today, do you generally consider yourself to be very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, very conservative, or do you think that your views cannot really be described in those terms?

Very liberal.....	7	[270]
Somewhat liberal.....	18	
Moderate.....	30	
Somewhat conservative.....	20	
Very conservative.....	10	
Views cannot be described in those terms.....	12	
Not sure.....	3	

F5. Are you currently registered to vote in the precinct or election district in which you now live, or haven't you had a chance to register yet?

Registered.....	86	[271]
Not registered.....	12	
Not sure.....	2	

F6. Are you currently single and never married, married, separated, widowed, or divorced?

Single.....	24	[272]
Married.....	57	
Separated.....	1	
Widowed.....	6	
Divorced.....	11	
Other (VOL).....	-	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

F7. Do you have any children under age 18 currently living in your household?

Yes, kids under 18 in household.....	36	[273]
No, no kids under 18 in household.....	63	
Not sure.....	1	

F8. In what religion were you brought up?

Protestant.....	51	CONTINUE	[274]
Catholic.....	29		
Jewish.....	1		
Other.....	13	Skip to Q.F10	
None.....	4		
Not sure/refused.....	2		

(ASK ONLY OF PROTESTANTS IN Q.F8.)

F9. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?

Fundamentalist/evangelical.....	16	[275]
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical.....	31	
Not sure.....	4	
Non-Protestants (Q.F8).....	49	

F10. Do you, or does anyone in your household, own a gun of any kind?

Yes, gun in household.....	43	[276]
No, no gun in household.....	54	
Not sure.....	3	

F11. Are you a member of a labor union? (IF "NO," ASK:) Is anyone else in this household a member of a labor union?

Labor union member.....	11	[277]
Labor union household.....	6	
Nonunion household.....	81	
Not sure.....	2	

F12. Are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background? (IF "NO," ASK:) What is your race--white, black, Asian, or something else?

Hispanic.....	7	[278]
White.....	77	
Black.....	10	
Asian.....	1	
Other.....	3	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

F13. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than \$10,000, between \$10,000 and \$20,000, between \$20,000 and \$30,000, between \$30,000 and \$40,000, between \$40,000 and \$50,000, between \$50,000 and \$75,000, between \$75,000 and \$100,000, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000.....	5	[179]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000.....	8	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	13	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.....	13	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000.....	11	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	20	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000.....	9	
More than \$100,000.....	8	
Not sure/refused.....	13	